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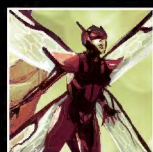
AVENGERS

YOU WORK FOR THE
INFAMOUS
IRON MAN

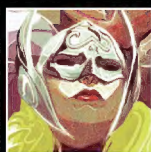


And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat. On that day, the Avengers were born--to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE AVENGERS



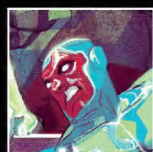
WASP
Nadia Pym



THOR
Jane Foster



CAPTAIN AMERICA
Sam Wilson



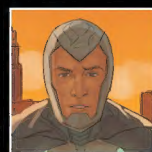
VISION



SPIDER-MAN
Peter Parker



HERCULES



VICTOR VON
DOOM

After the near-fatal incapacitation of Tony Stark during the second super hero civil war, Victor Von Doom abandoned his villainous ways and took up the mantle of Iron Man. But his past actions as Doctor Doom have made it difficult for the world to accept him as a hero.

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The Avengers created by Stan Lee & Jack Kirby

**AVENGERS HQ.
PARKER INDUSTRIES,
THE BAXTER BUILDING.**

THIS WAS
**NOT IN THE JOB
DESCRIPTION!**

WE'RE THE
AVENGERS! WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE OUT
THERE SAVING **OTHER
PEOPLE--**

--NOT
TRYING TO KEEP
GOO-THULU OUT
OF OUR HOUSE!

ANYBODY
GOT ANY CLUE
WHAT THIS
THING IS?

NAY, CAPTAIN,
BUT 'TIS A WORTHY
FOE! MY WEAPONS
GLANCE OFF AS IF I HAD
BUT THE POWER OF A
SMALL GIRL!

I WOULD
REMAND YOU THAT
A "GIRL" THRASHED YOU
SOUNDLY JUST WITHIN THE
LAST FORTNIGHT. OR NEED
I THRASH YOU AGAIN,
HERCULES?

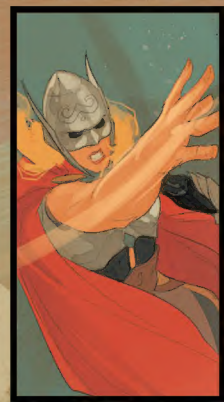
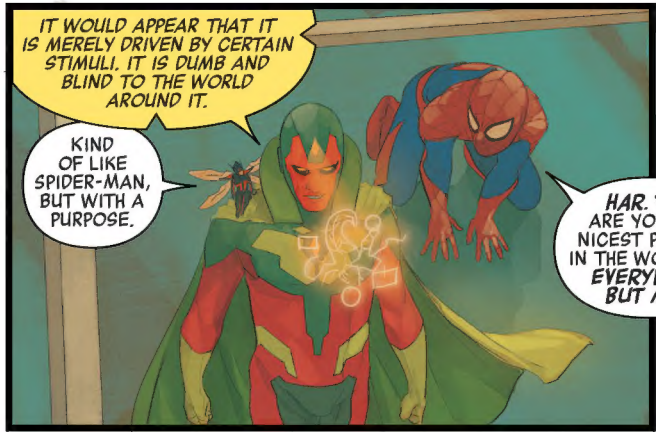
I LIKE THOR.
SHE SAYS WHAT
I'M THINKING.

WAIT, VISION,
THESE SCANS CAN'T
BE RIGHT!

I'M AFRAID
THEY ARE, WASP.
THIS CREATURE
APPEARS TO HAVE NO
BRAIN TO SPEAK OF.
MERELY A NEURAL
STRUCTURE.

WAIT, WE'RE
FIGHTING SOME
SORT OF...**ALIEN
JELLYFISH?**

BUT HOW'S
IT GOING TO
APPRECIATE
MY **WITTY
BANTER?**





EWWW...



THAT REMINDS ME, DID I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT THIS VILLAIN NAMED FREAK? WASP WILL LOVE THIS! HIS POWER HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH STEM CELLS AND--



WAIT--WASP! SHE GOT SLIMED! THIS IS THE WORST DOUBLE DARE EVER!

AND SHE WOULDN'T EVEN GET THAT JOKE. ARE YOU IN THERE, LITTLE WASP?

I'M OVER HERE.



I ALWAYS FORGET TO SIZE UP WHEN THERE'S GOO OR LIQUID INCOMING.

YOU'RE LIKE, "OH NO, GOO! LET ME SHIELD MYSELF WITH MY HANDS." THEN YOU END UP HALF A BLOCK AWAY AND--

--MONSTER'S UP.



"MONSTER'S UP?" IS THAT LIKE A NEW SLANG THING?

YOU KNOW, I TRY TO KEEP IZZUP ON THE SLIZZANG.

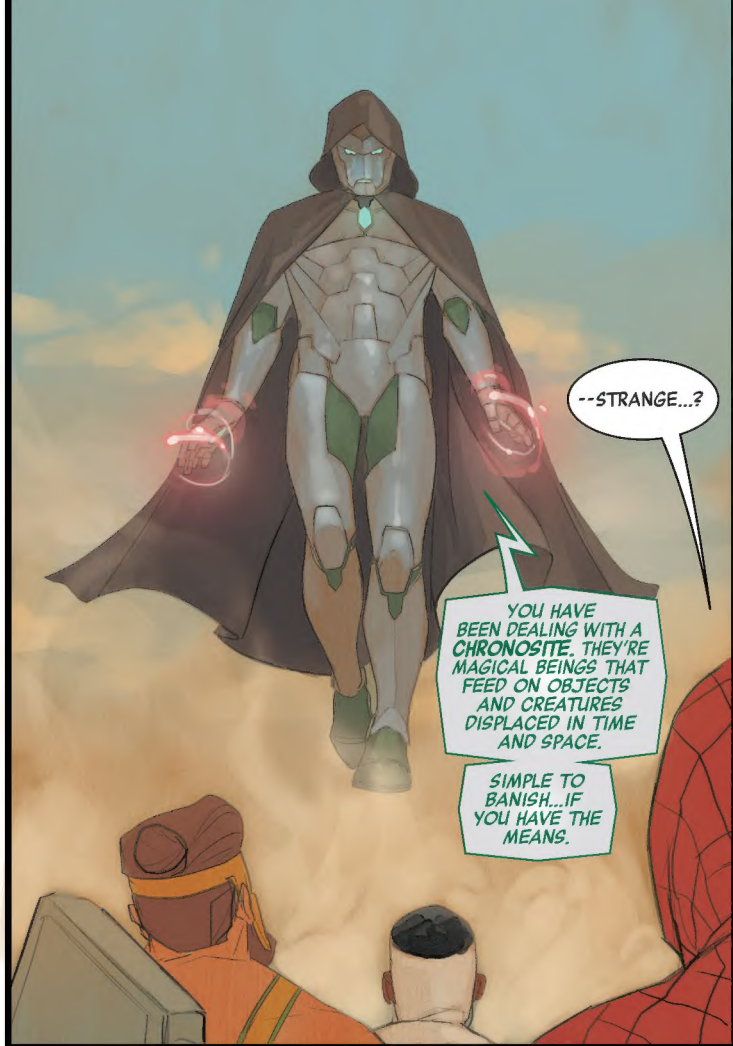
DON'T EVER. ALSO--

--THE MONSTER'S GETTING UP AGAIN, ISN'T IT?



WOO-HOO! THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, DOCTOR--

BY THE FLAMES OF THE FALTINE, I BID YOU BEGONE!



--STRANGE...?

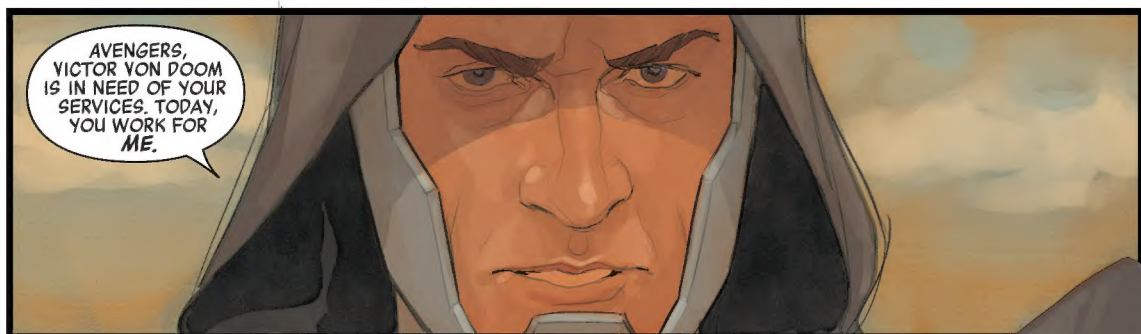
YOU HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH A CHRONOSITE. THEY'RE MAGICAL BEINGS THAT FEED ON OBJECTS AND CREATURES DISPLACED IN TIME AND SPACE.

SIMPLE TO BANISH...IF YOU HAVE THE MEANS.



WAIT, I KNOW STARK... AND WAR MACHINE...AND RIRI. **THIS** IRON MAN, I DON'T KNOW. **IS** THERE ANOTHER ONE?

DOC, DOPEY, SLEEPY...NO. I DIDN'T THINK THIS TEAM **HAD** AN IRON MAN... DOES IT?



AVENGERS, VICTOR VON DOOM IS IN NEED OF YOUR SERVICES. TODAY, YOU WORK FOR **ME**.



DOOM. DOCTOR DOOM.

ON MY MARK, HIT HIM WITH **EVERYTHING** YOU HAVE.

WAIT! VICTOR VON DOOM?



YOU'RE ONE OF THE GREATEST INVENTORS IN THE **WORLD**.

I AM.

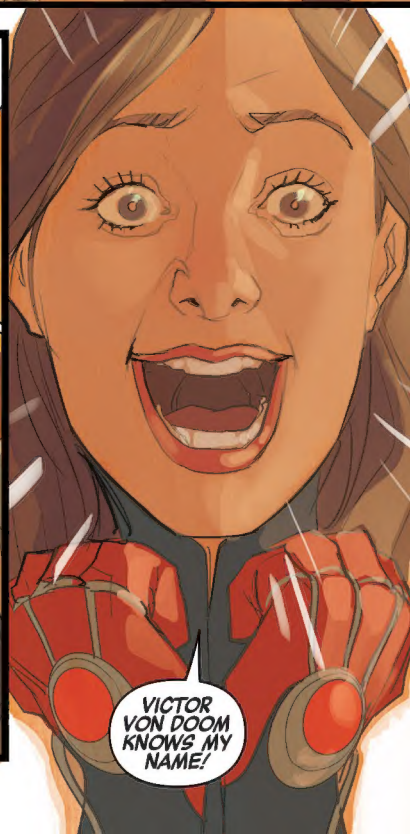
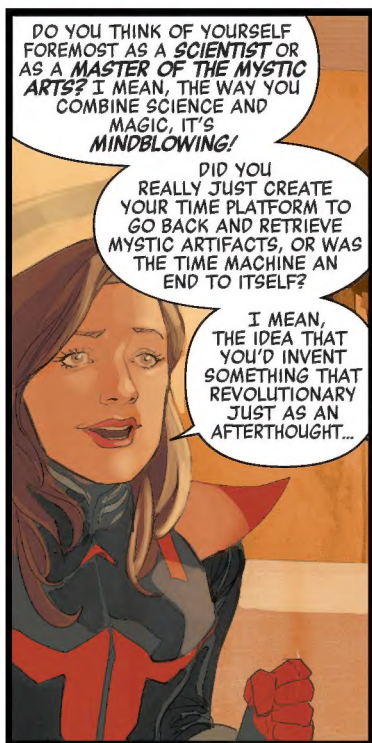
DID YOU REALLY BUILD AN ACTUAL WORKING TIME MACHINE?

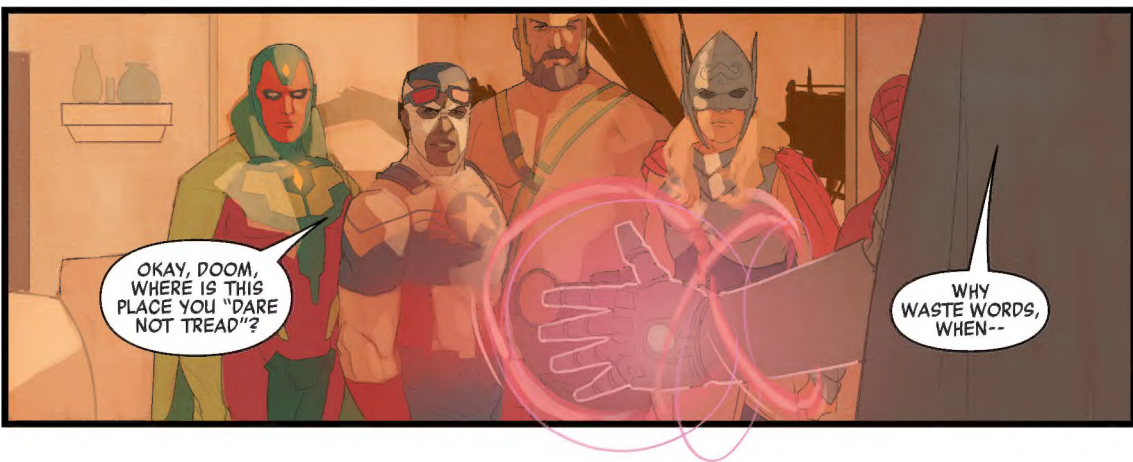
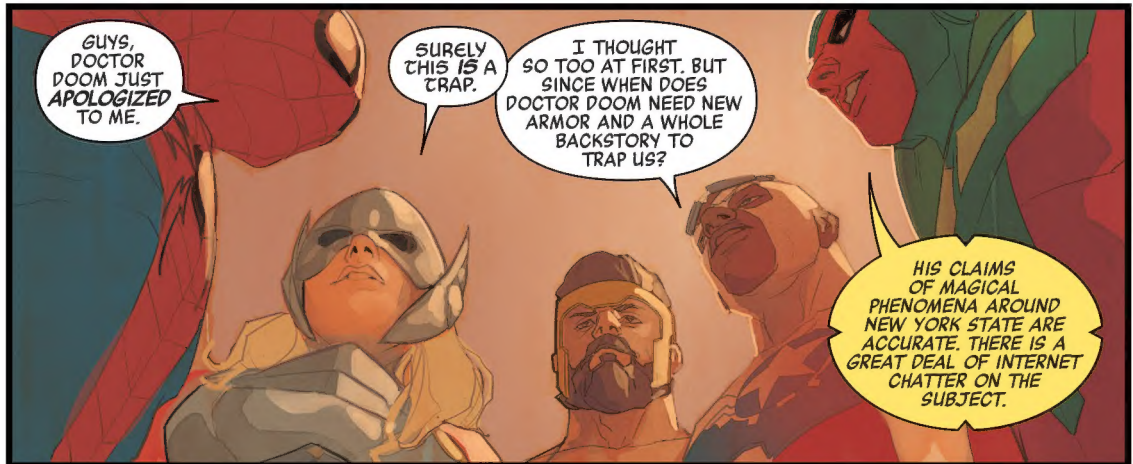
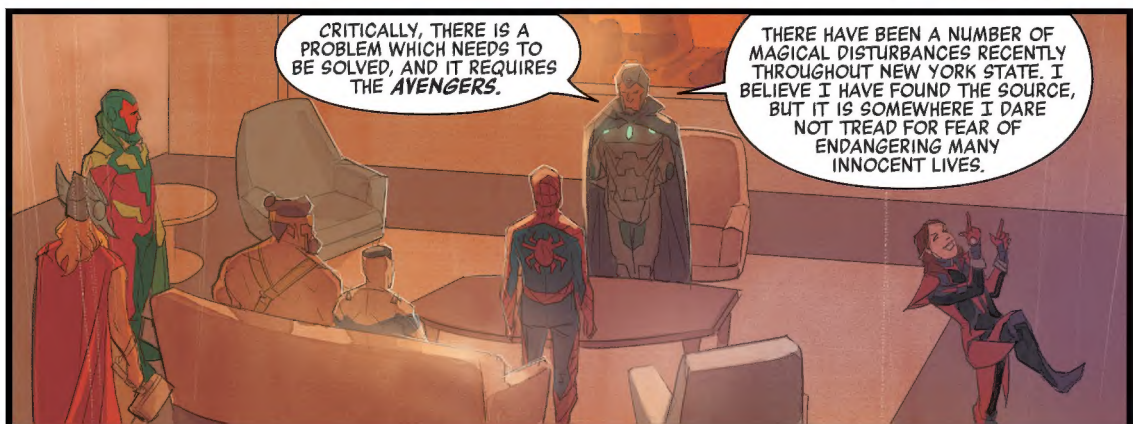
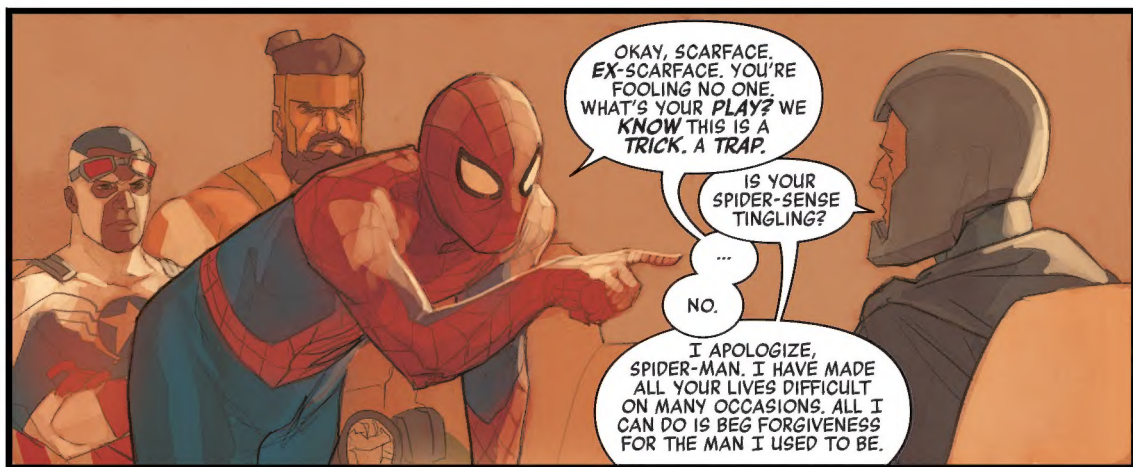
I DID.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS MISSION. DO YOU LIKE TEA, DOCTOR? WHAT KIND OF TEA DO YOU PREFER?

DO YOU HAVE CHAI?

DO WE?







--WE CAN
SIMPLE
ARRIVE?

DOOM! MY TEAM,
MY RULES. PLAY NICELY
AND COOPERATE, OR
YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.
AND WHERE IS
VISION?

THIS IS
UNACCEPTABLE!
I WILL NOT BE
MOVED WITHOUT MY
PERMISSION!

BLURCH!



DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THEM. I
THOUGHT IT
WAS COOL.

NO, NADIA,
THEY ARE CORRECT.
I AM NOT ACCUSTOMED
TO COLLABORATION. I
CONSIDER THIS A
LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

I LEFT VISION
AT YOUR BASE. A
SYNTHETOID WOULD
BE QUITE OUT OF
PLACE HERE.

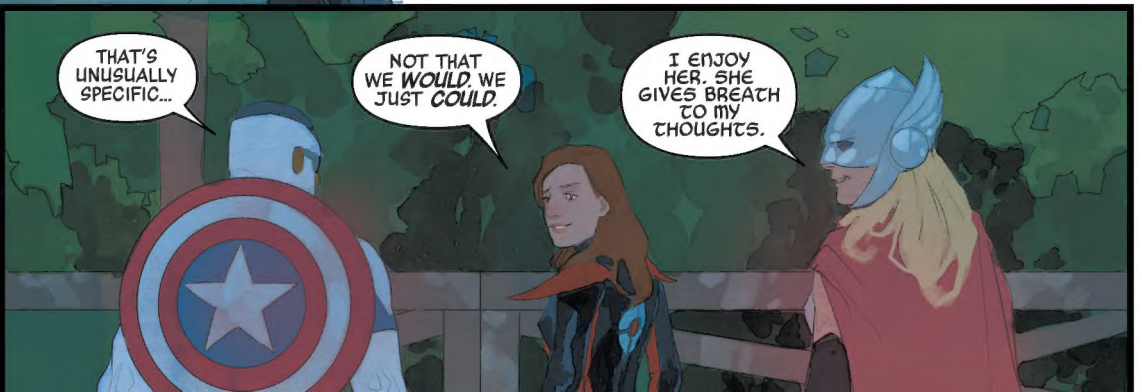


NOW YOU SEE,
THOUGH, WHERE
DOOM DARES
NOT TREAD.

A GIRLS'
LEADERSHIP
CAMP? YOU'RE
AFRAID OF
TEENAGE
GIRLS?

HEY! I
KNOW AT LEAST
FIVE TEENAGE GIRLS
THAT COULD MURDER
YOU IN YOUR SLEEP
AND DISPOSE OF
THE BODY.

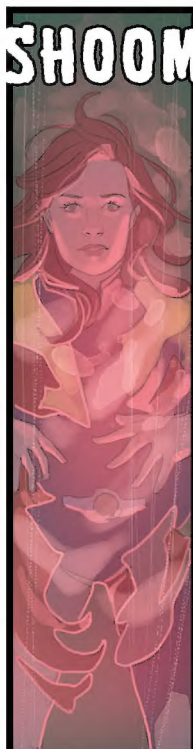
SUSAN STORM
CAMP FOR GIRLS' LEADERSHIP



THAT'S
UNUSUALLY
SPECIFIC...

NOT THAT
WE WOULD. WE
JUST COULD.

I ENJOY
HER. SHE
GIVES BREATH
TO MY
THOUGHTS.





"GO FORTH."

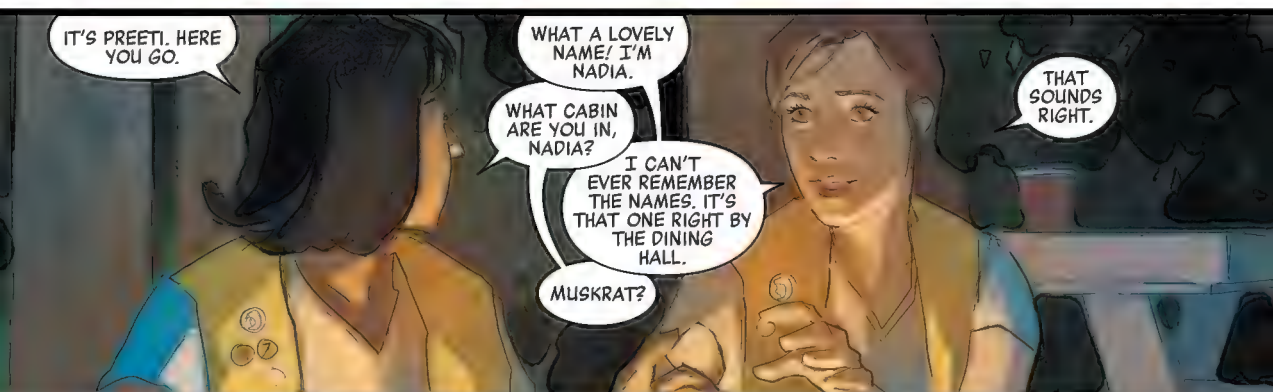
GINA, CAN YOU HAND ME A MARSHMALLOW FROM THAT BAG? I LIKE THE YELLOW ONES!



COULD YOU GET ME ONE, TOO?

HUH?

SORRY, I FORGOT YOUR NAME.



IT'S PREETI. HERE YOU GO.

WHAT A LOVELY NAME! I'M NADIA.

WHAT CABIN ARE YOU IN, NADIA?

I CAN'T EVER REMEMBER THE NAMES. IT'S THAT ONE RIGHT BY THE DINING HALL.

MUSKRAT?

THAT SOUNDS RIGHT.



YOU KNOW THEY SAY THE CATSKILLS ARE HAUNTED?

I DON'T REALLY BELIEVE IN GHOSTS. DJINNS MAYBE... BUT EVEN THAT...

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING WEIRD? MAYBE... MAGICAL?

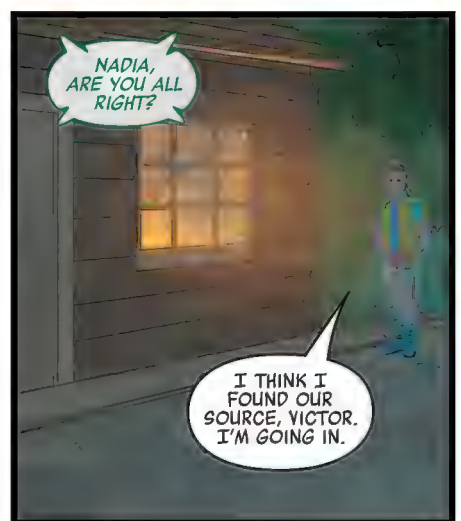
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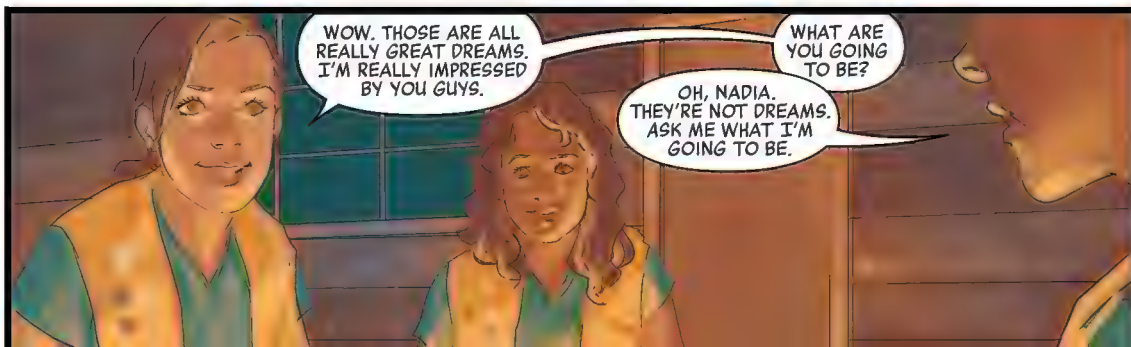
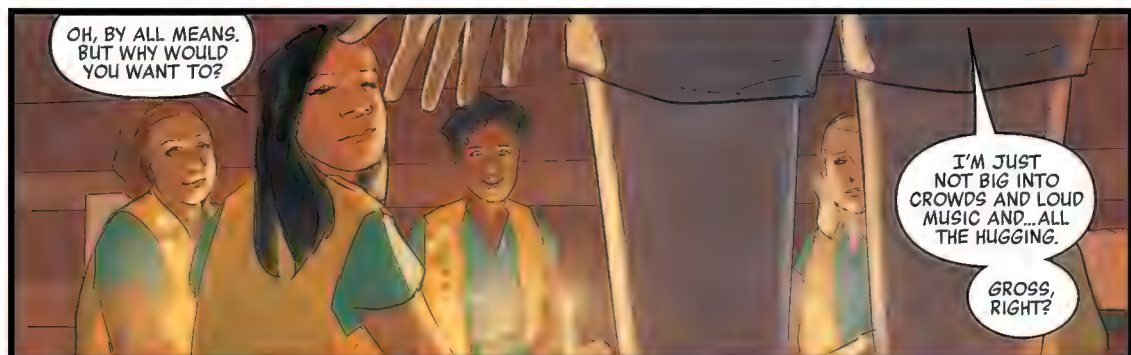


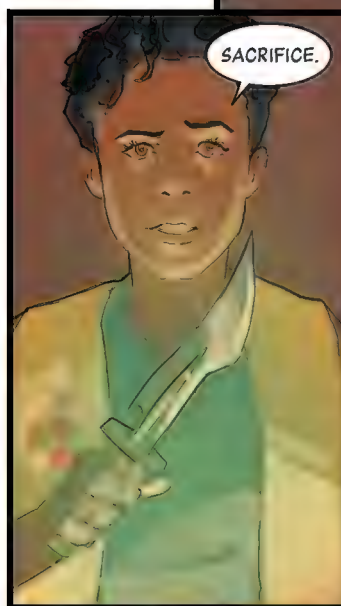
YOU KNOW THEY'RE BETTER IF YOU LIGHT THEM ON FIRE. IT MAKES LIKE A CRUST ON THE OUTSIDE AND THEY GET CRISPY AND--



NADIA?









IT'S, LIKE,
A CIRCLE OF BINDING.
ONCE A PERSON HAS
VOLUNTEERED AS SACRIFICE,
IT KEEPS THEM FROM
DOING ANYTHING
TO BACK OUT.

YOU ARE
ABOUT TO BE SUCH
A HUGE HELP TO US,
NADIA. THE SACRIFICE IS
THE LAST STEP IN GETTING
THE POWER WE
DESERVE.

NO, NO,
NO, NO, NO! THIS
IS NOT OKAY. THIS
IS NOW HOW YOU
TREAT GOOD
FRIENDS!

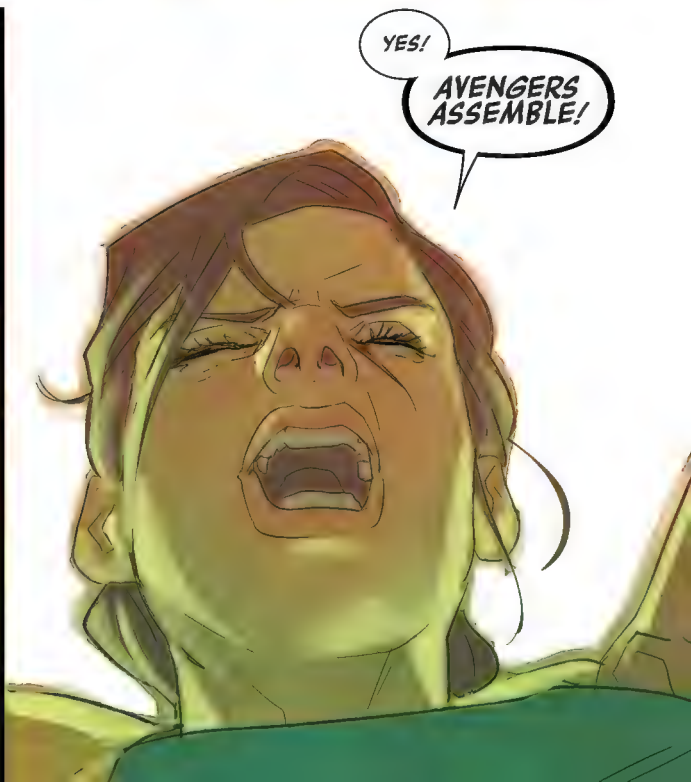


VICTOR! SAM!
THOR!

YOUR FRIENDS
CAN'T HEAR YOU,
NADIA. EVERYBODY IS
OUT THERE HAVING FUN.
NOBODY WILL MISS
ONE NOSY CAMPER.



ANY LAST
WORDS?



YES!

**AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!**



BOY, CAMP
HAS CHANGED A
LOT SINCE I WAS A
KID! THERE'S A
MERIT BADGE FOR
SACRIFICIAL
MURDER?



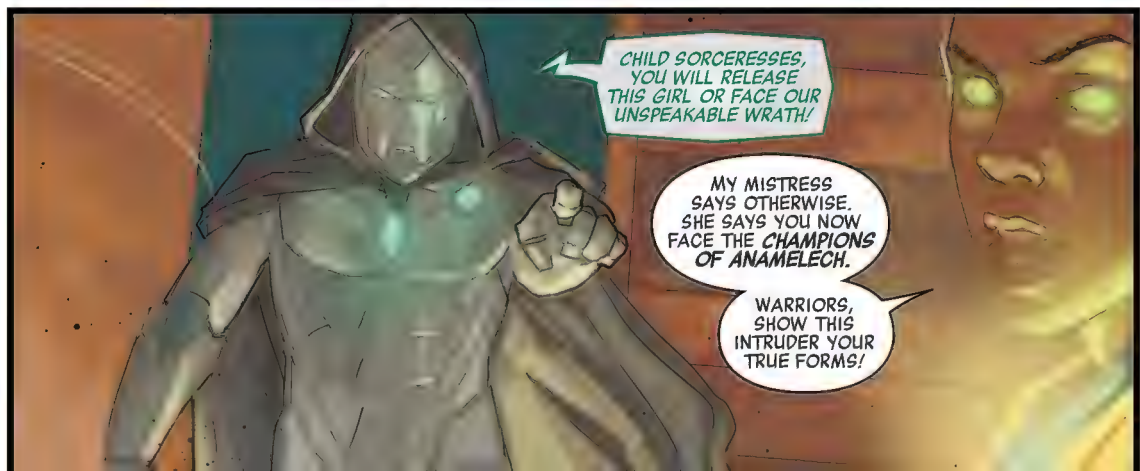
GUESS *SO*.
VICTOR?



CHILD SORCERESSES,
YOU WILL RELEASE
THIS GIRL OR FACE OUR
UNSPEAKABLE WRATH!

MY MISTRESS
SAYS OTHERWISE.
SHE SAYS YOU NOW
FACE THE *CHAMPIONS*
OF ANAMELECH.

WARRIORS,
SHOW THIS
INTRUDER YOUR
TRUE FORMS!



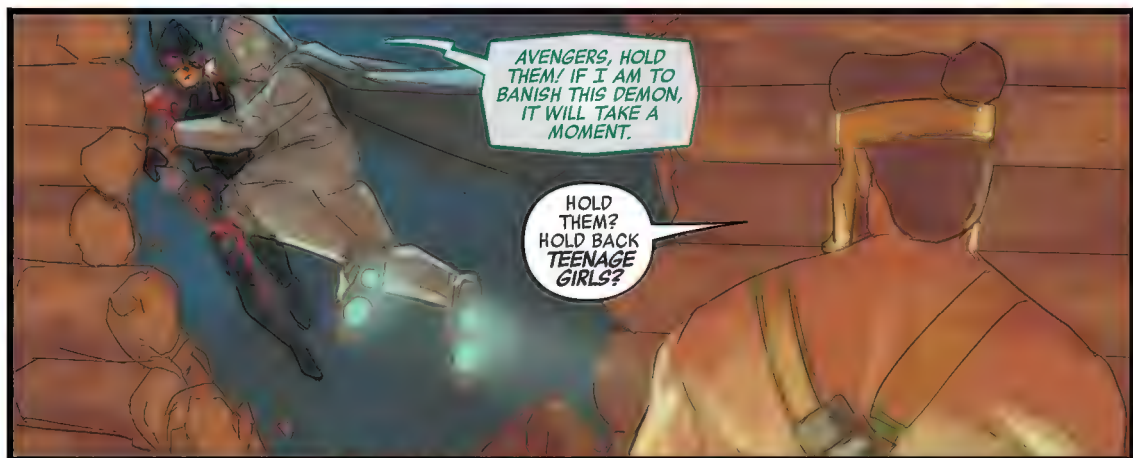
NOW,
VICTOR VON DOOM,
THE GODDESS WISHES
US TO DELIVER TO
HER *YOUR* LIFELESS
BODY.

SHE'S
NOT PARTICULAR
ABOUT THE NUMBER
OF PIECES IT'S
IN.

SHE'S
PROMISED US
GREAT FAVOR
FOR THIS
BOON.

SHE
DOESN'T
LIKE YOU VERY
MUCH.

IT WILL
GIVE HER GREAT
PLEASURE TO--





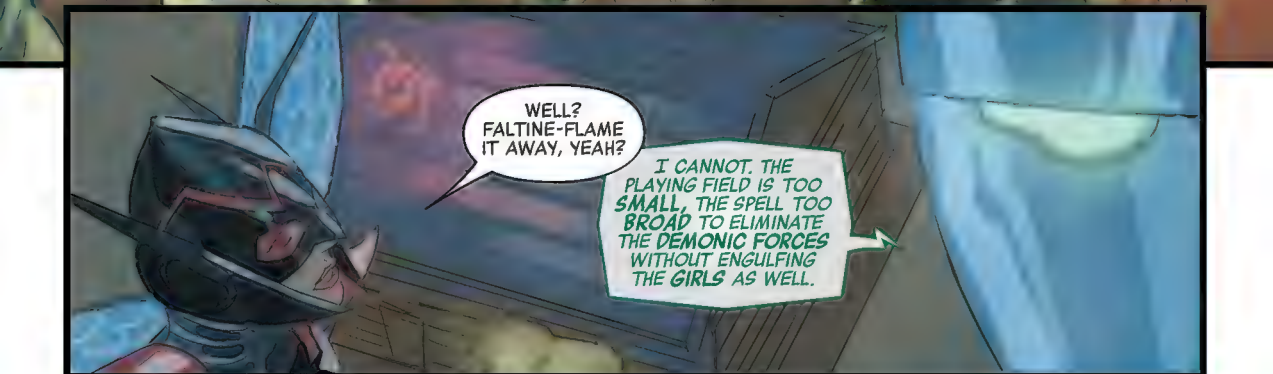
CHRONOSITE,
COME FORTH!

ANOTHER
ONE?

GUYS, THEY'RE
STILL JUST KIDS!
TRY NOT TO HURT
THEM TOO
BAD!

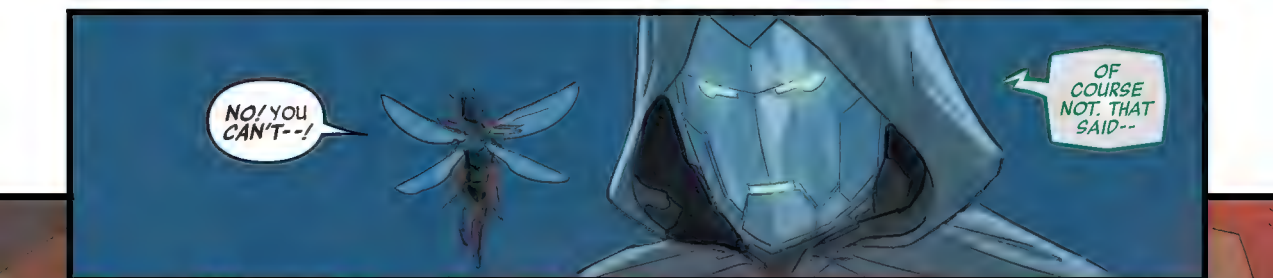
UH-OH.

THESE KIDS
HAVE MADE A PACT
WITH A DEMON. WE
MUST FIND A WAY
TO RESTRAIN--



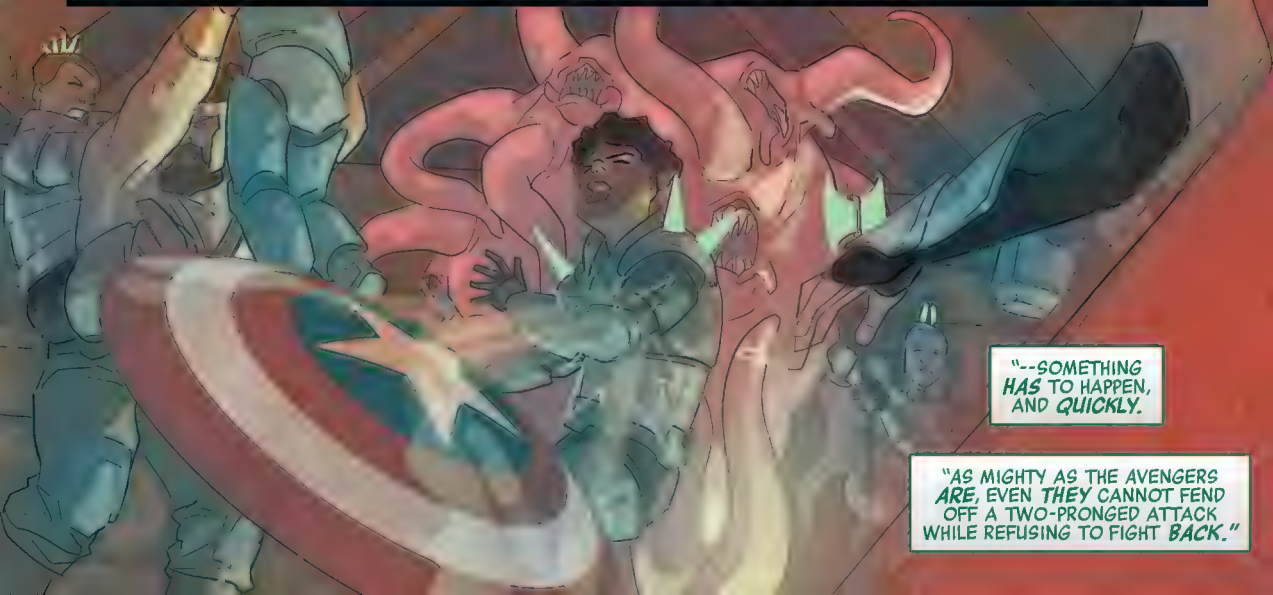
WELL?
FALTINE-FLAME
IT AWAY, YEAH?

I CANNOT. THE
PLAYING FIELD IS TOO
SMALL, THE SPELL TOO
BROAD TO ELIMINATE
THE DEMONIC FORCES
WITHOUT ENGULFING
THE GIRLS AS WELL.



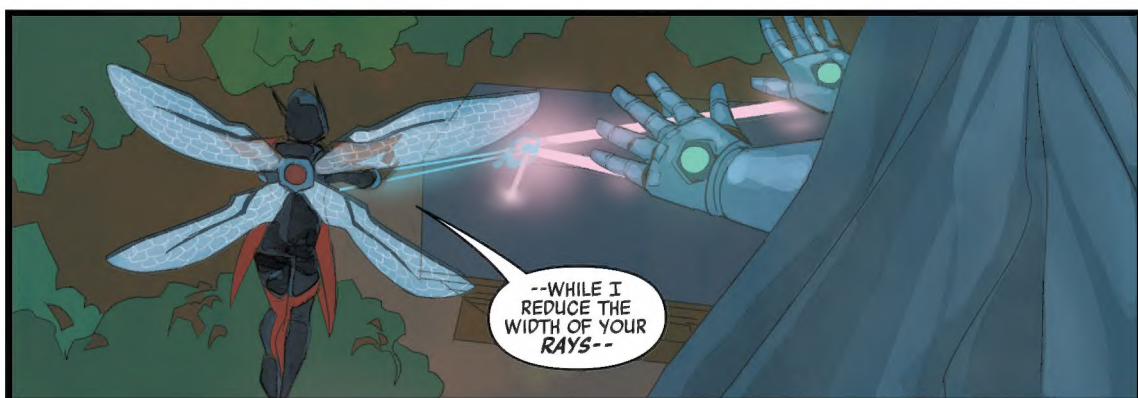
NO! YOU
CAN'T--!

OF
COURSE
NOT. THAT
SAID--



--SOMETHING
HAS TO HAPPEN,
AND QUICKLY.

"AS MIGHTY AS THE AVENGERS
ARE, EVEN THEY CANNOT FEND
OFF A TWO-PRONGED ATTACK
WHILE REFUSING TO FIGHT BACK."





I BANISH YOU, ANAMELECH!
YOUR POWER HAS NO SWAY
HERE! I EXPEL YOUR POWER
AND ARCANIC ARTIFACTS
FROM THIS PLANE!

BEGONE!

THE ISSUE AT SUSAN'S
LEADERSHIP CAMP HAS
BEEN DEALT WITH.



VICTOR, STOP!
IT'S DRAGGING
HER IN!

LET HER GO.
IT WAS HER
INFLUENCE WHICH
LED THESE
OTHERS ASTRAY.

MOREOVER, I HAVE ATTAINED
MY MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE:
EVALUATION OF THE GIRL, NADIA PYM.



THOUGH SHE PROVED DANGEROUSLY NAÏVE IN
THE COMPANY OF THESE GIRLS, SHE SHOWED
ME SOMETHING FAR MORE IMPORTANT.

NO!

SHE DOESN'T
DESERVE TO DIE
FOR THAT!

FOR WEEKS, I HAVE BEEN TARGETING
"MAD SCIENTISTS"—AMORAL INVENTORS,
DANGEROUS ALL. NADIA IS NOT ONE OF THEM.

CLEARLY, SHE HAS THE AMBITION AND
INTELLIGENCE OF HER FATHER, BUT
SHE SAID IT BEST ABOUT AMBITION.

THIS A.I.M. INTELLIGENCE I
STOLE ON W.H.I.S.P.E.R. IS
INCORRECT. NADIA WILL BE
NO PART OF SOME GREAT
SCIENCE CONSPIRACY.

NADIA PYM
IS NO EVIL
MESSIAH.

WHEW. MADE
IT. SEE, VICTOR,
NO ONE NEEDED
TO DIE.

GIRLS **HAVE**
TO HAVE AMBITION.
SO MUCH CAN BE
TAKEN FROM US!



IN FACT, SHE GIVES
ME HOPE FOR THE
FUTURE, EVEN NOW.
EVEN ME.

**THE NEXT DAY.
AVENGERS ARCHIVE.
BAXTER BUILDING.**

SO, YOU'RE
BUDDIES WITH
DOCTOR DOOM
NOW, EH?

WELL, I
DON'T KNOW IF
WE'RE *BUDDIES*. HE
DID SAY HE WANTED TO
RECOMMEND SOME
YOUNG WOMEN FOR
G.I.R.L.* THOUGH.

DOES...
DOES DOCTOR
DOOM KNOW A
LOT OF YOUNG
WOMEN?

**WASP'S THINK TANK:
GENIUS IN ACTION
RESEARCH LABS. --TOM*

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THESE
GLOVES? THEY GO UP TO MY
SHOULDERS?

THOSE WERE
CAROL'S, PART OF HER
OLD COSTUME.

WAIT! CAPTAIN
MARVEL USED TO
PUNCH OUT ALIENS
WEARING OPERA
GLOVES?

THEY WERE
WEIRD
TIMES.

HEY, WHAT DO YOU THINK
THAT CHRONOSITE WAS
AFTER? ONE OF THESE
KANG SOUVENIRS?

PROBABLY.
HALF THE STUFF
HERE HAS TRAVELED
THROUGH TIME.

SAM--

HERE LIES
AVENGER X
BRAVEST OF US ALL!

HUH, I'VE
NEVER SEEN *THAT*
BEFORE.

DO YOU
THINK THERE'S...
SOMEBODY...
IN IT?

NO, IT'S
PROBABLY A PROP
FROM SOME VILLAIN
LIKE THE GRIM
REAPER OR--

HERE LIES
AVENGER X
BRAVEST OF US ALL!

TO BE CONTINUED!

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